THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. RABHARDWAJ): (a) The Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 1986, passed by the Lok Sabha on 18th November, 1986 and by" the Rajya Sabha on 10th December? 1986 and which was submitted to the President for assent on 19th December, 1986, is the only Bill *to* which the assent of the-President is await-" ed.

'(b) Information is being collected from the Ministries and Departments and will be laid on the Table of. the House.

Prime Minister's meeting wfth Church Au thorities in Kerala daring Us Election Tour

873. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATT MISHRA:

Will the. Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has beeri" drawn the press. reports that while on an election tour ttf Kerala recently, the Prime Minister Held a meeting in Raj Bnavaih with Bishops and other Church authorities in the background of
Christian votes;

(b if so, what ire file facts in this regard and how the Election Commission of India has rsponded thereto; and

(c) the follow-up action taken in *Mi* regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ)r (a) and
(b) Government's attention was drawn to a news item" in a focaf dally* Wherein a reference tad" been made to the meeting between[1] the Prmie Minister arid some Bishops 6f Kerala inuring his electioneering in that State.

The Election Commission forwarded* the news item to the Cabinet Secretariat and asksecl for comments in order to consider the matter further. The clarification received- by the Election Commission from the Cabinet Secretariat show that the. Prime Minister had met a number of people during his visit to Trivandrum, including a delegation of Bishops; however, the Prime Minister had not said or done anything to infringe the Model Code of Con-duct.

(c) Does not arise.

Elections in Haryana

874. SHRI. ATAL BIHARI , VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATT - MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Elec-. tion Commission of India has expressed its unhappiness over the • elections in Har yana not being held in March, 1987 and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is the statutory obligation of the Election 'fcomniission to prepare and keep ready electoral. rolls in-various States; and

(c) the-steps takes-' by Government *to* eliminate occassions of probability of similar unhappiness of the Election Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ):, (a) According to a Press Release dated 4-2-1987, the Election Commission of India was not happy over the difficulties pointed out by the Harysfpa Government for not completing the revision of rolls according to schedule and therefore a further review had to be undertaken. Consequently, #the Commission had to de-link the elections to the Haryana State Legislative Assembly from the elections to the-Legislative Assemblies of the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala and *West* Bengal. The . Commission directed the C. E. O. Haryana , to take remedial measures expeditiously.